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## **TWO KANSANS INDICTED IN 100-KILO MARIJUANA CONSPIRACY**

**SPRINGFIELD, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that two Kansas men were indicted by a federal grand jury today for their involvement in a 100-kilogram marijuana conspiracy.

**Jose Escobar Garcia**, 30, and **Cesar J. Orpineda**, 26, both of Wichita, Kan., were charged in a two-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Springfield.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that the co-defendants conspired to distribute 100 kilograms or more of marijuana between September 2002 and Sept. 29, 2004, in Greene County, Mo.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Garcia** and **Orpineda** possessed with intent to distribute between 20 and 40 kilograms of marijuana on Sept. 29, 2004, in Greene County.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Randall D. Eggert. The case was investigated by COMET (the Combined Ozark Multi-jurisdictional Enforcement Team) the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the Greene County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and the Springfield, Mo., Police Department.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

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